Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Nurse practitioners are advanced practice registered nurses who have advanced clinical education and training building upon their initial registered nurse preparation; and,

Whereas, There are 222,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States with 801 nurse practitioners licensed in South Dakota providing primary, acute, and specialty care to patients of all ages and walks of life; and,

Whereas, Nurse practitioners diagnose, treat, and prescribe medications and other treatments to patients through a caring, patient-centered, holistic model of care; and,

Whereas, Citizens of our state and nation have great trust in the high-quality care nurse practitioners provide, resulting in more than 870 million patient visits annually to nurse practitioners across the country; and,

Whereas, Five decades of research demonstrates the high quality of care provided by nurse practitioners; and,

Whereas, Better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized state laws and improved system policies creates a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher quality health care system; and,

Whereas, Leading governmental and policy entities including the National Academy of Medicine, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Governors Association, and Federal Trade Commission have taken notice of the benefits of nurse practitioner full practice authority and have endorsed such a regulatory model:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2016, as

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State